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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE NEWS AGENCY COMMENTS ON SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE

1. IN SPECIAL COMMENTARY, PBULISHED IN DECEMBER 14 NOTICIAS, THE MOZAMBIQUE NEWS AGENCY (AIM) FINDS CAUSE FOR CONCERN IN DESIGNATION OF CYRUS VANCE AS SECRETARY OF STATE. AIM CITES TWO REASONS: FIRST WAS STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY MADE BY VANCE AT MAY 1976 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT "THE U.S. SHOULD GO TO WAR TO ASSURE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ISRAEL AS A STATE" (AIM CONTENDS THIS IS CONTRARY TO CARTER'S POSITION): SECOND IS FACT THAT VANCE HAS BEEN PRAISED BY "VERY REACTIONARY" ELEMENTS IN U.S., E.G. ADMIRAL ZUMWALT.

2. ACCORDING TO AIM, "EITHER CARTER DOES NOT KNOW CYRUS VANCE, OR THE LATTER HAS CHANGED HIS POSITION SINCE MAY, OR ELSE THE CAMPAIGN OF CARTER DID NOT REFLECT WHAT HE REALLY THINKS." AIM SAYS IT WILL HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT VANCE WILL DO. "WE KNOW KISSINGER VERY WELL AND WHAT HIS ROLE WAS. DON'T TELL US NOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO MISS HIM."

3. THIS IS VANTAGE AID: PRESSUME THE WORTST ABOUT THE U.S., AND PUBLICIZE IT.
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